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For: HYDROGEL COMPOSITES AND :  
SUPERPOROUS HYDROGEL COMPOSITES :  
HAVING FAST SWELLING, HIGH :  
MECHANICAL STRENGTH, AND :  
SUPERABSORBENT PROPERTIES :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.173**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is an application for reissue of U.S. Patent No.  
6,271,278. Patent '278 issued August 7, 2001 on Application No.  
08/855,499, filed May 13, 1997.

Accompanying herewith is a copy of patent '278 in double-  
column, single-sided format, which is the specification for this  
application.

**Amendments to the Specification** are presented on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks** appear on page 3 of this paper.